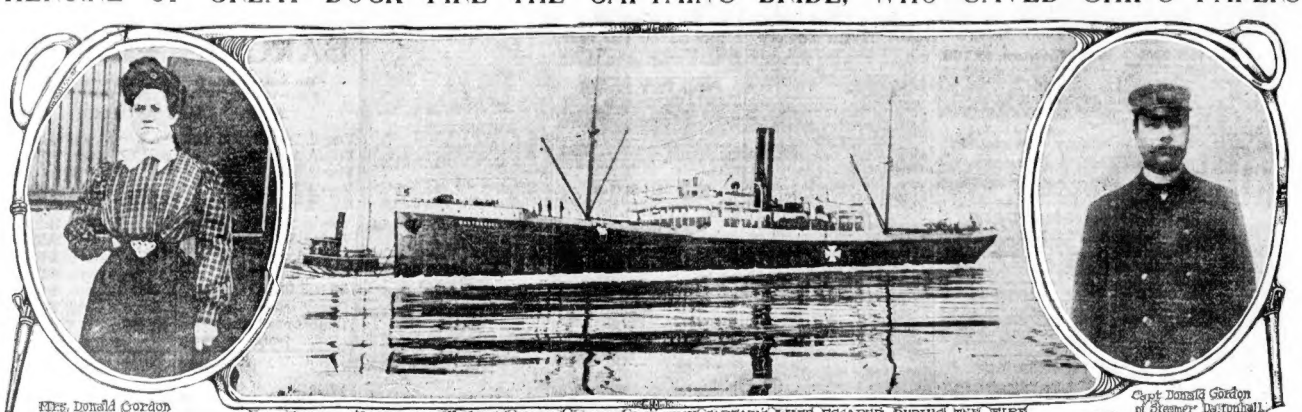


"Come down," called the policeman in the boat, "or you'll be burned to a crisp. There's no time to save any of your clothes!" But the captain's wife evaded those who would hinder her. "The papers!" she cried, "I must save the ship's papers!" and she rushed back to the chart room safe, snatched up the precious box and swung jauntily down the side of the burning vessel.

HEROINE OF GREAT DOCK FIRE THE CAPTAIN'S BRIDE, WHO SAVED SHIP'S PAPERS



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THE STEAMER DONAHALL, A CROSS MARKS LADDER BY WHICH CAPTAIN'S WIFE ESCAPED DURING THE FIRE

WIFE DARES FIERY FETE TO RESCUE DOCUMENTS

The heroine of the dock fire was the pretty bride of Capt. Donald Gordon of the British steamer *Donahall*, ordered by her husband from the bridge, where she remained until the boat from the flames reached her. She was in a boat which was waiting alongside, and she was nearly to safety, half way down the swinging rope ladder, when she recollected that in the burning cabin were the ship's papers and valuables. Undauntedly she stopped and commenced to ascend the ladder.

"Come down," called the policeman in the boat, "or you'll be burned to a crisp."

"There's no time to save any of your clothes, man," cried one of the ship's officers at the rail, trying to force her back to the boat.

"The papers," she cried. "I must save the ship's papers." And evading him, she rushed through the smoke to the chart room safe. The precious box was snatched up and she swung jauntily as a sailor, but the steamer was light-headed and the end of the rope ladder swung right over the little boat which waited to receive her.

Ladder Sent For.

"Get a short ladder," cried the young woman to the men in the boat, for she was the coolest of all concerned. The men tossed across the boat and returned with the ladder, which they placed against the ship's side, and so she was rescued.

Clutching her despatch box under her arm, Mrs. Gordon stood on the *Donahall* bridge and saw the figure of her husband making motions upon the bridge of what appeared to be the doomed ship.

It was a "terrible moment," she said in the *Boston Journal* man yesterday. "I thought he was going to die before my eyes."

Capt. Gordon was not inactive, however. His crew were well disciplined, and in spite of the fire which was raging on the docks they stayed orderly. A fire was kindled on the *Donahall* bridge, and the smoke which was rising from the fire was seen to be the smoke of the *Donahall* bridge.

A fireman touched Mrs. Gordon on the shoulder.

"If you receive anything valuable in that box, don't you better take it to the station house," he said.

She complied, and was made as comfortable at Station 3 as possible.

In her pretty little dress, as by a *Boston Journal* man yesterday afternoon.

She was an extremely prepossessing young woman, and it was not until she was in the station house that she was recognized.

Heroism Displayed At Big Water Front Fire

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On every side were scores of rusted beams and water pipes thick that the firemen and reporters tread on them. Fragments of broken piers in the freight docks and grain elevator close by, and hundreds of these were

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Watchman Silva Tells of His Narrow Escape

Compelled to leap from the burning *Donahall*, Philadelphia and some, hurried by his heavy winter clothing, for a considerable distance through the water before dragging himself to safety, the thrilling experience of John A. Silva of 127 Hunker Hill street, Charlestown, employed as watchman by the *Leopard* line, illustrates the hardships many

members of the ship's crew had to undergo in their battle for life.

By JOHN A. SILVA.

"It was half one and about 1:20 A. M. I should think, when, in walking the deck of the *Philadelphia*, performed my duties of watchman, I met the ship's quartermaster at the gangway. A strange haze attracted him to me.

"Can it be fire?" he said to me, but I ran back to investigate without making a reply. I saw the flames in the shed and shouted at the top of my lungs: "The ship's afire!"

"Four times I cried the words, and in shorter time than it takes to tell it the tongues of fire were shooting over us, for the *Philadelphia* was fast to the middle of Pier 4. Every second except the captain, who rushed from the ship's house, went to cut the hose and to let his drill cut through the

fire. It seemed to me that perhaps they could not swim and if we went with them, we would be lost. I went on all. So I jumped as far out as I could, went down a bit, and, finding it was a case of life or death, struck out for the new pier.

"Hurrying home, I changed my clothes and drank hot coffee. I've a bed coat today, but will be in a day or two."

The Piano Player for the Boston Post, who is now in the city, is just what the name implies. He is a young man, of positive count, nice, artistic, and of a very high order of intelligence. He is a native of the city, and has been in the city for many years. He is a very good pianist, and has been in the city for many years.

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Police At Fire Protect Property

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